

NatsNews

Daily Coverage of the 2011 National Aeromodeling Championships

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Friday
Outdoor Free Flight



The "Student," Art Earl (right) and his "Master," Don Richmond.



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RC Electric

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On day three of the Electric Sailplane Nats, we flew Class A LMR (Limited Motor Run). The rules for this event are fairly simple; any plane, any motor, but the battery is limited to 8.4 volts. Most people choose to use two Li-Po cells. The planes vary widely in this event, from Stew Moore's 2-meter Electron to Don Richmond's 4-meter Ava. The motor run is limited to 30 seconds with a 10-minute max. The heat took its toll on the competitors, so we only ended up with seven pilots in the event today. We flew a total of six rounds for the day's event.

The day started off partly sunny and dead-calm. The first few pilots that went up early had no trouble making their times in the buoyant morning air. The Free Flyers again flew to the west of us, providing us with air markers. As the day progressed and heated up, the wind also picked up. Once again, the notorious Muncie air took its toll on flight times. In the later rounds, it was a struggle to make times for most of the pilots. There were many low-level downwind saves made to reach the elusive 10-minute mark.

When it was all said and done, "The

Master," Don Richmond, showed us how to do it again, winning the event with his Ava. Stew Moore, who is having a fantastic Nationals, came in second with his Electron. On a side note, Art Earl, who is here at his first Nationals, is having a wonderful time and is improving with each round. Tomorrow we finish up Electric Nats, flying Class B LMR and the weather forecast calls for it to be brutally HOT! →

—Ed Franz



Ed Franz (left) and his timer, Bob Burson, who is doing the "thermal dance."

Second place, Stewart Moore (right), and CD Bob Burson.



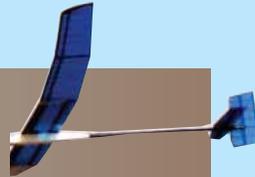
Don Richmond launching his Ava.

First place, Don Richmond, and his very patient wife, Brenda.





Pilot's Meeting for the A LMR Event.



(L to R) The winners with their trusted timers, Mike DeBoer, Stewart Moore, Don Richmond, and Art Earl.



Unofficial Scores

Please note that all scores are unofficial until tabulated by Nats staff.

Class: A LMR 7/20/2011		
Rank	Pilots	Final
1	Don Richmond	6152
2	Stewart Moore	5844
3	Mike McGowan	5721
4	Michael Cramer	5570
5	Ed Franz	5372
6	Art Earl	3954
7	John Lueke	1736

Early 1/2 A Nos Gas UNOFFICIAL		
1	KEITH FULMER	331 MISHAWAKA IN
2	ALLAN B VOLLMER	329 WEST HAVEN CT
3	BRADLEY BANE	319 LYNDONVILLE NY
4	LARRY DAVIDSON	304 MONETA VA
5	ROBERT E MARIER	282 ROSWELL GA
6	JACKIE L SHEFFER	277 LITTLE ROCK AR
7	MIKE FEDOR	268 ARLINGTON TX
8	CHARLES R HARPER	266 BLANCHESTER OH
9	P JACK MARSH	265 SOUTH BEND IN
10	DENNY L DOCK	251 STEVENSVILLE MI
11	DEAN C MCGINNES	240 LAKELAND FL
12	MARK D TROUTMAN	235 GALVESTON TX
14	DANIEL B BERRY	96 BENTON AR
15	JAMES R KELLY	0 YORKTOWN VA

Catapult Glider JR		
1	SAM SMETZER	247 NAPA CA
2	NATHAN VUCOVICH	192 LITITZ PA
3	TYLER J MOORE	169 NAPA CA
4	RONAN HIGH	134 NAPA CA
5	GINA G BARRON	129 NORTH HAVEN CT
6	JULIE C BARRON	115 N HAVEN CT
7	MATTHEW G SMITH	106 WICHITA KS
8	IAN WICKS	104 NORMAL IL
9	KYLE D GERSPACHER	98 CLARKSVILLE OH
10	CONNOR J VUCOVICH	83 LITITZ PA
11	HANNAH E MARIER	77 ROSWELL GA



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Catapult Glider SR		
1	ROBERT E MARIER	274 ROSWELL GA
2	MILES R JOHNSON	242 NEW HAVEN CT
3	DANIEL VUCOVICH	233 LITITZ PA
4	RICARDO SAMARIO	229 NAPA CA
5	ANTHONY GUZMAN	192 NAPA CA

A Sailplane (LMR)		
1	DONALD G RICHMOND	6152 VIRGINIA BEACH VA
2	STEWART L MOORE	5844 JEFFERSON TX
3	MICHAEL D MCGOWAN	5721 PEACHTREE CITY GA
4	MICHAEL CRAMER	5570 GOSHEN IN
5	ED J FRANZ	706 BURLINGTON KY
6	ARTHUR J EARL	3954 MAHOMET IL
7	JOHN E LUEKE	1736 MIAMISBURG OH

A Nos Gas UNOFFICIAL		
1	ROGER W ERRIDGE	818 SARANAC MI
2	BOB SOWDER	600 TROUTVILLE VA
3	LARRY DAVIDSON	546 MONETA VA
4	SCOTT J LAPRAIK	538 PORTLAND TN
5	GENE R SMITH	480 STILLWATER OK
6	MARK D TROUTMAN	459 GALVESTON TX
7	CHARLES R HARPER	437 BLANCHESTER OH
8	KEITH FULMER	350 MISHAWAKA IN
9	BOB WATSON	328 MORTON GROVE IL
10	HANK SPERZEL	325 BELLEVUE NE
11	DEAN C MCGINNES	297 LAKELAND FL
12	TEDSON R FIRSTER	297 RIVERSIDE CA
13	H THOMAS BELL	239 HOUSTON TX
14	JACKIE L SHEFFER	106 LITTLE ROCK AR

Catapult Glider

1	BRUCE KIMBALL	661 SEATTLE	WA
2	RICHARD V PETERSON	475 SAN CLEMENTE	CA
3	KENNETH A BAUER	425 CHINO	CA
4	STAN BUDDENBOHM	424 BOULEVARD	CA
5	DOHRMAN G CRAWFORD	380 DUNWOODY	GA
6	TIM A BATIUK	354 SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	CA
7	BILL R REUTER	349 NORTH OLMSTED	OH
8	DAVID A GERSPACHER	345 CLARKSVILLE	OH
9	DANIEL B BERRY	340 BENTON	AR
10	RALPH RAY	327 BOULEVARD	CA
11	JAN W LANGELIUS	313 HASLET	TX
12	NORMAN E SMITH	279 IONE	CA
13	ANDREW R BARRON	272 NORTH HAVEN	CT
14	KURT KREMPETZ	252 BARTLETT	IL
15	JOHN YOST	232 DECATUR	TN
16	DAVID HALE	220 WILMINGTON	OH
17	LEE R HINES	219 COSTA MESA	CA
18	JAMES A PIVITT	186 TAYLOR	MI
19	DAVID P JONES	183 PITTSBURGH	PA
20	RICHARD A PIVITT	182 TAYLOR	MI
21	LYLE WHITFORD	170 BARKER	NY
22	JOHN F WATSON	157 INDIANOLA	IA
23	DAVID MILLS	155 ATLANTA	GA
24	VICTOR R GAGLIANO	137 FLORAL PARK	NY
25	PETER F BARRON	124 NORTH HAVEN	CT
26	FRANCES K MASTERMAN	122 CHESTERTON	IN
27	KIT BAYS	104 WINTERVILLE	NC
28	W L SCHLARB	83 SOUTH BEND	IN
29	JB M GRINER	60 INDIANAPOLIS	IN
30	CHARLES S MARKOS	53 DEERFIELD	IL
31	MARK M BENNS	10 PETERBOROUGH CAMBS	

102-103C AB Classic GAS

1	DON A DELOACH	732 COLORADO SPRINGS	CO
2	HANK SPERZEL	678 BELLEVUE	NE
3	GILBERT L ROBBINS	669 ANDERSON	IN
4	RICHARD COVALT	591 ANDERSON	IN
5	DANIEL B BERRY	581 BENTON	AR
6	P JACK MARSH	545 SOUTH BEND	IN
7	DENNY L DOCK	359 STEVENSVILLE	MI
8	JAMES BOCKINFUSO	343 HARDY	VA
9	SCOTT J LAPRAIK	324 PORTLAND	TN
10	H THOMAS BELL	232 HOUSTON	TX
11	GENE R SMITH	120 STILLWATER	OK
12	BRADLEY BANE	120 LYNDONVILLE	NY
13	JOHN C FROTHINGHAM	46 BRUNSWICK	ME
14	DAVID P JONES	23 PITTSBURGH	PA
15	GARY OAKINS	0 SAINT PAUL	MN

Cargo

1	VICTOR M NIPPERT	2046 LAKE KATRINE	NY
2	ROBERT D STALICK	1227 ALBANY	OR
3	BILL R REUTER	504 NORTH OLMSTED	OH
4	ABRAM VANDOVER	0 NEWPORT NEWS	VA

0 F1P Junior

1	SEVAK MALKHASYAN	1241 LOS ANGELES	CA
998	TARON MALKHASYAN	DNF LOS ANGELES	CA

Nostalgia Rubber UNOFFICIAL

1	JOSEPH M WILLIAMS	1013 BROOKVILLE	PA
2	PAUL M ANDRADE	971 HIGHLANDS RANCH	CO
3	EDWARD J HARDIN	890 KINGSTON	TN
4	WALTER J TOMASCH	780 MISHAWAKA	IN
5	DAVID MILLS	679 ATLANTA	GA
6	MATTHEW G SMITH	523 WICHITA	KS
7	JIM OREILLY	514 BELAIRE	KS
8	ROBERT E MARIER	307 ROSWELL	GA
9	ELVIN W BUCHELE	283 SYLVANIA	OH
10	EDWARD KONEFES	189 WAUCONDA	IL
11	BOB WATSON	120 MORTON GROVE	IL
12	JAMES L GERSZEWSKI	79 NEW BERLIN	WI

C Gas

1	P JACK MARSH	863 SOUTH BEND	IN
2	JAMES A DEMERITTE	739 PALM BAY	FL
3	GREG R HINRICHS	716 MONONA	WI
4	RICHARD COVALT	585 ANDERSON	IN
5	JOE CLAWSON	582 PALM BAY	FL
6	GERALD S BROWN	474 HENDERSON	TX
7	DENNY L DOCK	358 STEVENSVILLE	MI

F1P Senior/Open

1	BRIAN M PACELLI	1153 WALLINGFORD	CT
2	ROBERT M HANFORD	1149 BROKEN ARROW	OK
3	MIKE FEDOR	1103 ARLINGTON	TX

Free Flight

It was another hot one. Mercifully, the day remained overcast until lunchtime, which kept the true misery limited to the afternoon. The temperature soon climbed to levels some say exceeded Tuesday's. At times it was impressive, even to this jaded Georgian, and tomorrow promises hotter temps again.

However, everyone was doing a great dealing with it. As far as this writer knows, no one experienced difficulties. Nagging must work.

The F1B guys had a great day, drawing 31 fliers—a very respectable number. This included three Canadians and one from the Netherlands. The level of flying was superb and the conditions very demanding.

Six fliers ended the day with perfect scores and the flyoffs carried over to the next morning. (News flash: unofficial results show George Batiuk winning the top spot. Official results to follow tomorrow.)

Nostalgia Rubber drew 12 fliers and some spirited flying. Interestingly,

three of the top five spots were taken by small models, a bit of a change from the gargantuan models usually seen. Joe Williams (PA) won with 1,013 seconds flying an Avenger, I believe.

As is their wont, the gas fliers had a big day. Repeating yesterday's bounty, Early 1/2A drew 15 fliers, A NosGas had 14, AB Classic 17, and C Gas had 7.

There was never a dull moment on the flightline. Conditions demonstrated scores. No and Keith with 331 being trailed by Vollmer (329) and Brad (329) seconds). Roger Erridge (MI) won by the Early 1/2A one maxed out Fulmer won seconds, by Allan Bane (319) Roger won

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with 818 seconds. Don DeLoach (CO, but deep in his heart still a Texan) took AB Classic in a hard, all-day slog with 732 seconds and was closely trailed by Hank Sperzel (NE) with 678 seconds and Gilbert Robbins (IN) with 669 seconds. Jack Marsh (IN) won another close one in C Gas with 863 seconds.

Cargo provided Vic Nippert (NY) a great opportunity to rack up an astounding score of 2,046. Vic has won this event many times before. He is always a threat when there is a load to haul.

Unfortunately, the catapult glider scores were not available at press time, but a good and large time was had by all. We'll have those scores in tomorrow's report.

I'd like to remind everybody of the NFFS cookout and raffle at the farmhouse HQ this evening. This soiree is a lot of fun, so please try to attend. And buy some raffle tickets; everything goes to the scholarship fund, a very worthy cause. Free food and beer! Do you need more convincing? →

—David Mills



Mark Hoffman (TX) was seen trimming his Burdow Coupe.



Part of the crowd at the NFFS Annual Banquet at the Delaware Country Club. The food and fellowship were great. And no speeches!



Charlie Jones (OH) after a hard day flying F1B. He made the fly-offs.

Dan Berry (AR) gives a catapult glider tutorial.





Ed Hardin (TN) preps his Jimmie Allen Skokie.



Canadian F1B flier launching his model hard. Note the wing flex, which is one of four international contestants in event.

Very arty field storage rack seen between rounds. Modelers are clever people.





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